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UNIONS APPOINT COMMITTEE

Addicks Resigns from the Sub-Committee

A MOST EXCITING SESSION
DOVER, DEL., Oct. 23.—After several parliamentary tilts and disagreements, the Union Republican State Committee this afternoon appointed a committee of five to confer with a like committee representing the Regular Republican organization in an effort to arrange for common primaries throughout the state to elect delegates to a state convention that is to renounce and reorganize the Republican party. The committee of five is to report the result of its conferences with the Regular Republicans back to the Union Republican State Committee for ratification before definite harmony arrangements are made.

The sub-committee named by the Unionists in their meeting, after many skirmishes in which the vote stood nine to nine between the Senator Allee and J. Edward Addicks forces, is as follows: Senator J. Frank Allee, J. Edward Addicks, Dr. George W. Marshall, Dr. Caleb R. Layton and Benjamin A. Groves.

While the deadlock of nine to nine for awhile made a gloomy outlook for an agreement on a harmony committee, the five names that were adopted unanimously were submitted by Mr. Addicks, Secretary of State Joseph L. Cahall and Dr. Layton, who has been designated by Chairman David L. Clark to suggest the personnel of the conciliatory committee. This disagreement was not against the appointment of a harmony committee, for the first action of the state committee was to place itself on record in favor of the appointment of such a committee. How the conference were to be named and who they were to be caused the see-sawing in the state committee.

Before the sub-committee had organized Mr. Addicks eliminated himself from the harmony proceedings by impudently refusing to serve on the committee if Senator Allee should be made chairman. When he became convinced that Senator Allee was the choice of the harmony committee for chairman, Mr. Addicks bolted from the harmony committee. He still remains on the state committee.

"I resign from this committee," he exclaimed, dramatically, as he stalked from the conference room.
It all happened this way. After the state committee had reached an unanimous conclusion by appointing a committee of five to try to arrange for Republican harmony and unity, Senator Allee and Dr. Layton sauntered out into the Hotel Richardson lobby, where everybody was told of what happened. "I am satisfied with the committee," said Senator Allee. "It is composed of representative men of the party and I think it will be for harmony."

Mr. Addicks lingered back in the parlor and chatted with some of his followers. He threw himself back into an easy chair, and to newspaper reporters said: "I am satisfied with the outcome. I practically submitted the names of the committee. Dr. Marshall's name was substituted for that of Mr. Tharp, which Mr. Tharp himself suggested. I consider Dr. Marshall a fair man, a Republican, a man who will go out of his way to be fair. I cannot say whether harmony and party unification will follow to-day's action."

Meanwhile Dr. Marshall had been urged in behalf of Mr. Addicks and his friends to accept the chairmanship of the sub-committee of five, but Dr. Marshall did not regard this favorable. He sauntered up to Mr. Addicks, who still sat in the easy chair. "Mr. Addicks I do not care to become chairman of the committee," said Dr. Marshall. "I think Senator Allee should be made chairman."

Mr. Addicks bolted from the chair and with a gesture indicating Senator Allee, who was but five feet away, exclaimed in the presence of at least a dozen persons: "I will not serve on any committee of which that man is chairman. He is a traitor, and the whole world knows it. I will not serve with him as chairman." Mr. Addicks was plainly angry and his countenance showed it.

Senator Allee in chagrin bit his lip, glared at Mr. Addicks, but did not utter a sound in reply. Dr. Layton and some others requested that all persons who were not on the sub-committee retire from the room. Then the five met for organization.
Before anybody had nominated Senator Allee for chairman, Mr. Addicks bluntly asked Dr. Marshall: "Are you going to vote for Allee for chairman?" Receiving an affirmative reply, Mr. Addicks arose haughtily. "Then I resign from this committee," he announced, as he started to the door. In another moment Senator Allee had been elected chairman of the sub-committee.

"I want to say to you, gentlemen, that what I have done to-day I consider to be for the best interests of the Republican party in Delaware," said Senator Allee in accepting the chairmanship. Tears welled to his eyes as he finished, and it was plain to be seen that he was battling with his emotions.
Outside, Mr. Addicks conversed with George W. Roberts and one or two friends. To a newspaper reporter who was waiting for him to finish a private conversation Mr. Addicks turned and said: "I have nothing to say, except that I resigned because I would not serve on any new committee of which Senator Allee is chairman. I am done with him, want nothing to do with him."

"Do you think your retirement from the committee will deter or promote harmony?" he was asked.
"I don't know," he replied. "I don't want to speculate. I am for harmony." Thus it was that Mr. Addicks placed himself in the position of refusing to participate in harmony negotiations if Senator Allee was to be chairman of the committee that is expected to co-operate with the committee to be named by Chairman L. Heister Ball, of the Regular Republican organization, in an effort to bring both wings into a rehabilitated party. The committee named to-day is regarded in all quarters as extremely favorable to Republican harmony, rather than to perpetuating the factional warfare. Senator Allee, Dr. Layton and Dr. Marshall have openly avowed themselves as harmony advocates, and Benjamin A. Groves in a meeting in Wilmington recently voiced harmony sentiments.
As Chairman Ball, of the Regulars, has not announced his harmony committee, it is not known when the sub-committee will meet for their first pow-wow. It likely will be within a week or two. Chairman Ball and Allee will arrange for the first sitting of the conference.
While Mr. Addicks has stepped out of the harmony committee of Union Republicans, it is not likely that his successor on the committee will be named. None but the state committee has the power to fill the vacancy. This will leave the Union Republicans with but four conferees, who will require the endorsement of the state committee before any common adjustments of delegates representation are agreed upon, as binding. The Regular Republican conferees are to be named with the proviso that they are to report back to their committee for ratification of their action. While the two sub-committees are expected to draw the factions together, it will remain for the state committee to make possible the tying of the knot to unite the party.
In the parliamentary tilts and differences growing out of the personnel and the manner of selection the harmony committee, Senator Allee and his friends numbered nine, and Mr. Addicks and his friends numbered nine. Mr. Addicks had but two members from Kent county and but one from Sussex, and that a proxy. His strength came from New Castle county, in which he had two proxies.
The committeemen who stood behind Mr. Addicks were J. Edward Addicks, George W. Roberts, who had the proxy of T. A. D. Hutson of Wilmington, Councilman Thomas Postles, who had the proxy of Charles H. Colbourn, colored, of Wilmington; Benjamin Groves, James W. Foster, and Charles Beith of rural New Castle County; D. Mifflin Wilson and William Tharp of Kent county; Dr. John Messick, who had the proxy of Sheriff Elijah Lynch of Sussex County.
The committeemen who arrayed themselves with Senator Allee were Walter H. Hayes of Wilmington; Peter B. Alrich of rural New Castle; Senator Allee, David S. Clark, S. John Abbott of Kent County; Newall Ball, E. F. Prettymann, Secretary of State Joseph L. Cahall and Dr. Caleb R. Layton, having the proxy of D. O. Moore, from Sussex county.
In addition to those named, City Chairman Francis S. Bradley of Wilmington and Chairman George W. Marshall of Kent county, sat in the committee as ex-officio members, and Charles H. Colbourn, colored, was permitted in the meeting although his proxy, Councilman Postles, also was present.
Mr. Addicks arrived in Dover during the morning frost Milford. He spent most of yesterday there. He was a guest at dinner of former Senator and Committeeman S. John Abbott, but was unable to convert Mr. Abbott to his way of looking at the situation. Nobody met Mr. Addicks at the station, but he waited there for Mr. Roberts and Squire Bradley from Wilmington, on a train shortly afterward. Then they went to The Sentinel office, where they had a conference. Senator Allee, in shirt sleeves, was sitting in his store when the first contingent arrived. He greeted all warmly. About noon things became interesting about the Hotel Richardson lobby. Committeemen were being buttonholed. Fights and left. Mr. Addicks and Dr. Layton conferred in a corner long and earnestly. Dr. Layton and Senator Allee buzzed each other. There were no serious whisperings right and left. Mr. Addicks personally talked to every committeeman except Senator Allee. He and Senator Allee did not know each other as they passed by.
Mr. Addicks had a written list of the committeemen. After he had conferred with each man he checked off his name in some manner that he understood. Committeeman Alrich would not promise Mr. Addicks how he would vote.
"Then you are against me," remarked Addicks, as he left Mr. Alrich. He was. This gun-heeled hunt for votes continued until after 1.30 o'clock. Neither leaders seemed sure of his strength, before the meeting opened.
The committee will stand nine to nine, whispered S. John Abbott to a few reporters, as he started into the hotel parlor, after a brief conference with Senator Allee, Walter H. Hayes, Newall Ball and one or two others.
On the door of the parlor in which the state committee met was a placard, on which was penned: "Republican State Committee."
When the committee had assembled in the parlor, with the doors tightly closed, Senator Chairman Allee announced that he would call David S. Clark to the chair to preside over the gathering. No objection was offered to this. Mr. Clark assuming the chair. Dr. Layton then remarked that he understood that the committee was called together to consider the appointment of a committee to confer with a like committee on the part of the Regular Republicans and to arrange for a common primary and a harmony state convention to re-organize the Republican party. He moved that such be the object of the meeting.
Somebody interposed a question, and Dr. Layton explained that he made his motion "to save the Republican party in the state. I am opposed to the interception of personalities into this committee," he added, turning to Mr. Addicks, "out of respect to you and out of the sense of loyalty shown to you in this state in the past twelve years. I wish to pour oil on the troubled waters."
When the roll was called alphabetically Mr. Addicks started by voting to adopt Dr. Layton's motion, which was adopted unanimously. By this little maneuver the committee at the outset had placed itself on record as favorable to harmony, without even a skirmish. It was regarded as a neat diplomatic stroke.
Dr. Layton then followed up by moving that a committee of five, of which Mr. Addicks be one, be appointed by the chairman to meet a like committee of the Regular Republicans and to arrange for common primaries and a common state convention to recognize the party, the five to report back to the state committee for ratification of their arrangements.
Mr. Addicks immediately objected, and asserted that he did not wish to be a member of any committee on which Senator Allee also was to serve. The tension was relieved by D. M. Wilson suggesting a recess of five minutes, which was acceded to. Mr. Addicks and his friends in the committee retired for a parley as soon as a recess was declared. It was the first time the Allee and the Addicks wings of the committee had arrayed themselves. The Addicks nine included Messrs. Addicks, Roberts, Postles, Groves, Foster, Beith, Wilson, Tharp and Dr. Messick.
They had not been in consultation long before they sent for Chairman David S. Clark, who joined them. Mr. Addicks asked Mr. Clark if he would consent to appoint a committee to be suggested to him, but Mr. Clark declined to commit himself to any such scheme. "It would be dictating the appointments," Mr. Clark remarked, as he left the Addicks conferees and returned to the parlor, where the other nine was in waiting. Chairman Bradley, of Wilmington, and Chairman Marshall, of Kent County, had been with the Addicks nine during the conference. Dr. Marshall and "Miff" Wilson had taken their coats off by the time the nine returned to the committee room, when the session was resumed.
Although, but a few moments before he had announced he would not serve on a committee with Senator Allee, Mr. Addicks submitted on his return a list of five names in his own handwriting, which he suggested should be named as a conference committee. The first name on the list was that of Mr. Addicks, the next that of Senator Allee, and the others were Messrs. Tharp, Groves and Clark.
Before any motion was made to adopt this list as a committee Dr. Layton called for action on his motion that the chairman be empowered to appoint a committee of five, of which Mr. Addicks should be one. Walter H. Hayes seconded the motion. A vote was taken on this, it being nine to nine. The committeemen divided as follows:
Nays—Messrs. Addicks, Roberts, Postles, Groves, Foster, Beith, Wilson, Tharp and Dr. Messick.
Ayes—Messrs. Allee, Abbott, Clark, Cahall, Ball, Prettymann, Layton, Hayes and Alrich.
Chairman Clark announced that under parliamentary procedure the chairman had a right to cast the deciding vote, and that he would declare the motion carried. Mr. Roberts and others immediately protested, and Mr. Roberts said he would appeal from the decision of the chair. "It's a trick," he exclaimed. A discussion over the rules governing the committee followed, in which Dr. Layton contended that Cushing's Manual controlled state conventions of the party, and therefore the committee, and it gave the chairman the deciding vote.
Chairman Clark said he would recognize the appeal, and somebody brought matters to a crisis by moving that the committee adjourn. Views on the right of Chairman Clark to cast a deciding vote after he had already voted as a committeeman were aired, and Walter H. Hayes raised the point of order that a motion to adjourn was before the committee.
"You're not a Union Republican, you have no right to make a motion," Addicks called to Hayes.
"You don't know what a Republican is," retorted Hayes.
Mr. Roberts pleaded for something to be done by the committee. "The eyes of the country are on us," he said. "We are ready to go to the polls. We don't want any wrangle, any division, we don't want to put anybody out. We are here to name a committee. We want to follow the precedent of the Regular Republican State Committee. We are willing to make a test of whether the chairman shall name the committee."
Magistrate Bradley also thought something should be done. "No man has sacrificed more than I have, my reputation, my health, my all to aid the Republican party of Delaware," he said.
The upshot of it was that Chairman Clark said he would hear suggestions from the committee as to the personnel of a committee to be named, and Mr. Wilson suggested the following five: Messrs. Addicks, Allee, Groves, Tharp and Layton.
Mr. Roberts moved that the five men named be the committee to meet the Regular Republican committee. Dr. Layton moved that it be laid on the table. The motion to lay on the table was lost, nine votes to nine, the members lining up on the previous vote. Before the original motion to accept the five names as a committee could be put Dr. Layton moved and Mr. Hayes seconded that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman to make up and report a list of five men to comprise a harmony committee. This prevailed unanimously and Chairman Clark announced as his committee Messrs. Layton, Cahall and Addicks.
They retired from the room for an instant. Mr. Addicks struck out the name of Mr. Tharp from the list that had been suggested but a few moments before and inserted the name of Dr. Marshall. This change was acceptable to Dr. Layton and Mr. Cahall, and the triumvirate returned to the state committee. Mr. Addicks reported the names of Messrs. Layton, Allee, Addicks, Marshall and Groves as a committee and their adoption was moved. They were adopted unanimously as the committee to confer with the like committee of the Regular Republicans, in an effort to arrange common primaries in all three counties and a common state convention to re-organize the party, it being understood that they are to report back to the state committee.

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CONFERENCE ASSURED

By a unanimous vote, the Union Republican State Committee decided to hold a conference through a Sub-Committee of five with the Republicans to arrange terms for holding one State Convention and for common primaries. When it comes to the manner of appointment of this Sub-Committee, a division of test of strength as between Mr. Addicks and Senator Allee, resulted. This vote stood 9 to 9, and a compromise was effected, by which Messrs. Addicks and Allee were both named, with Messrs. Layton, Marshall and Groves as the other members. When this committee organized, Senator Allee was chosen chairman, against Mr. Addicks' wishes, and he retired from the committee, stating he would have no more to do with it. Since, however, while Mr. Addicks has maintained a discreet silence, his friends have claimed that his resignation being only verbal was not effective and that on consideration, he had decided to serve.

Whether Mr. Addicks does or does not continue to act, there is no longer any doubt that harmony will be arranged. The Union Republicans through their State Committee have decided unanimously that harmony should be secured and through this Sub-Committee. This latter committee has shown that Mr. Addicks' personal wishes will not absolutely govern its action. His opinions will be considered as will be those of every other member. Thus that committee becomes a factor whose efforts will be for a unification of the party, and no longer towards personal desire and ambitions. The Republican Sub-Committee also consists of men whose actions will not be controlled by any one man, but by a desire for harmony.

The terms of peace will probably not be agreed upon without much thought and possibly many obstacles. Like the Treaty of Portsmouth, much will have to be compromised and some claims abandoned by both sides. In the "Ten-years War" there has accumulated a great mass of difference, but none so serious that they cannot be overcome. All are Republicans, all believe in the same principles and all are desirous of saving the State from Democratic rule. To bring success, all know that it is necessary to have harmony. The voters are tired of Committee made tickets and the bickerings and dickering consequent thereon. Earnest efforts will accordingly be made to agree upon terms, and honest men can bridge the chasm, close the gap, and pave the way for a glorious victory over the common enemy next year.

It is interesting to note, how since the deal was made by which the Democratic Councilman in Wilmington joined with Councilman Postles, the Democratic press has gradually changed front. When Mr. Addicks dominated and controlled the Union Republican organization, these organs could find no words strong enough to condemn him and his methods. Now, that they see, or think they see a chance or a possibility of a fusion between the

radical Unions and the Democrats, they are patting Mr. Addicks on the back, claiming that he has been badly treated, that he should hit back at those who have refused longer to follow a forlorn hope, by a coalition with the Democrats. Of course, the intent of this course is to keep the poor Democrats, who have been outside the breastwork so long that they hunger and thirst for office. We are not surprised. Politics makes strange bed fellows, but it is a wonder to see the editor of *Every Evening* trying to crawl into the same crib with Mr. Addicks. When he finally does get wrapped up in the blankets some one should be prepared to take a snap-shot. Many persons would like to have the picture as a relic. We confess that we would give a years subscription to *THE TRANSCRIPT* for a copy. This offer remains good and open to all.

[Communicated.]

SOME QUESTIONS

The following are some of the questions that have been asked more than once within a short time, and I do not know that they have been answered in a satisfactory manner as yet. The writer is not a mind reader or an encyclopedia, so will not attempt to answer them. Some of them are pertinent and might be answered:

1. Why was it that the Dog Law was not enforced, or even an attempt made to enforce it after the Baliff killed Andy Smith's dog?
2. What was the Ordinance passed for any way?
3. Was it good judgement on the part of our Town Fathers to compel many property-holders, who could ill afford to do it, to pave their sidewalks when all are suffering from the excessive tax rates of 1904 and 1905?
4. Is there any possibility of a reduction in the tax rate next year, if the present Board of Commissioners remain in power?
5. Could we better our condition by making any change in the Board?
6. Why is it that the lights on our streets are not better. Some nights practically no light, especially if the almanac says "moonlight"? Is there any moonlight clause in the town contract with the Light Commission?
7. Why is it that the authorities still allow the Saturday night nuisance to continue? We notice the officers stand in the crowd while the negroes have full possession of the walks.
8. Why is it that some persons can do exactly as they please, while others are brought up with a round turn?
9. Why is it that some of the best business men in town are "Women"?
10. Why is it that certain property-owners on East Lake street have not been notified to pave their walks. Is it because two of them are Town Commissioners?

There are some nuts to crack in the above questions. CRITIC.

CECILTON

Miss Mamie Pierce spent a few days with Miss Daisy Hooper.
Miss Mollie Richards has been spending a few days in Philadelphia.
Miss Mollie McCoy, of Elkton, spent a few days with relatives in town.
Miss Jennie McCoy, of Rock Hall, is visiting her brother, John Coppage.
Rev. W. F. Dawson has been spending a few days with friends near Baltimore.
Allie Pierce and family spent Sunday with his brother, George Pierce and wife.
John Smith, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday with his parents, James Smith and wife.
Miss Mary Budds, of Elkton, spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Miss McCoy.
Mr. and Mrs. George Richards have returned from visiting relatives in New York City.
Miss Mira Dawson had as her guests on Sunday, Misses Marion and Isabelle Griffith and Reba Burris.
Harry Manlove and wife, of Chesapeake City, have been spending a few days with his parents near town.
William Morris and wife, of Wilmington, spent a few days of this week with his parents, John Morris and wife.
On Tuesday evening, October 3d, of the Diocese of Eastern, consisting of Rev. William F. Adams, D. D., of the Diocese of Eastern, administered the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation in the chapel of a class of eleven, consisting of Mrs. Minnie D. Coale, Mrs. Rebecca Wooleyhan, Mrs. Nettie L. Dotman, Misses Marie E. Pierce, Laura Clark, Florence Harlock, Ella G. Dillardway, Messrs. Eben B. Frazier, Henry S. Duhamel, John R. Dotman and John Dotman, Jr.

Fire Protection for Farnhurst
The trustees of the poor Wednesday showed the members of the Levy Court over the county building at Farnhurst in order to impress upon them the urgent necessity of adequate fire protection. Descriptions of the plans have been published a number of times, but the Levy Court has never had money enough to install the proposed system. The matter will now be given attentive consideration and efforts made to spare the necessary appropriation.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1905 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT LLOYD'S HOTEL, IN GEORGETOWN, OCTOBER 18, 1905,
From 10 A. M., to 4 P. M.
AT STEPHAN'S HOTEL, IN PORT PENN., OCTOBER 25, 1905,
From 10 A. M., to 4 P. M.
and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of October from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

SECTION 35. That on all taxes paid before the first day of August there shall be an abatement of 5 per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid after the first day of December five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1905 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, OCTOBER 21 and 28, 1905,
From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.
AT FLEMING'S LANDING, OCTOBER 23 and 30, 1905,
From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.
AT DELANEY'S, OCTOBER 26, 1905,
From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

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JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred,
P. O. Address—Blackbird, Del.

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APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1905 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSHIP, DEL., SATURDAYS,
OCTOBER 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1905,
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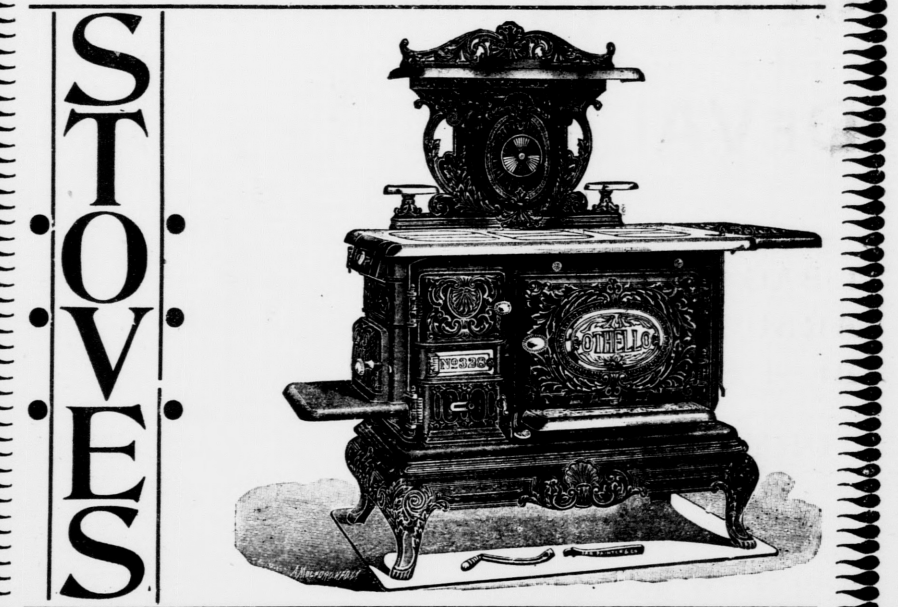
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"There's Hester—walking beside Major Arnot's chair again! Really, Percy, she's awfully good-natured!"

Percy Bavis dropped his eyes to the lower terrace, took off his hat to the woman, nodded to the man, then turned and smiled in Mrs. Vincent's face.

"Hester's a dear girl, aunt; I'm very fond of her; but she has a mania for the disheveled which is almost unwholesome."

His aunt laughed.

"That cripple fellow, now, he'd be bound to appeal to her. Her heart is a regular 'Hospital for Incurables.'"

"Well, come, now; it's a sad case!" Mrs. Vincent spoke indignantly. "Paralysis at thirty-seven; such a bright career! He did great things in India, I'm told."

"He was an able officer, certainly. But there—lightly—'malaria' the disease! You never know what aftermath of disease it may leave behind it."

It was at Eastbourne. The hand was playing. They talked or listened in turn, pacing up and down.

Said Mrs. Vincent presently, with a downward nod, which, gentle though it was, set the bird-of-paradise plumes in her bonnet waving bravely:

"When is it to be, Percy? Have you spoken to her yet? Oh, come, now!"

Her nephew feigned innocence—"There's been some sort of understanding between you for the last eight years. Isn't it time you came to something definite?"

"To be definite," said Mr. Bavis, in his airy, complacent way, "to be definite, it is the incomprehensible that attracts and holds attention. As a proof of it—he stopped, glanced down, then laughed—"I don't mind confessing that only Hester's inaccessibility has kept me faithful all these years."

"Faithful?" Mrs. Vincent's upper lip quivered at the word.

"Well? It's a good, old-fashioned virtue."

"My dear boy! Do you suppose I haven't heard of your numerous flirtations—with the pretty widow in Ceylon; that horrid Barker girl at Gibraltar; then the woman with the red hair and equally ready reputation; the—"

"Sh, sh," her nephew softly chiding her indiscretion in thus discussing his struggles feebly, with the smug smile of complacency. A lady passed them. He broke off, whispering, "Fine woman, that."

Mrs. Vincent turned her head. "She ought to be," dryly. "I know her well by sight. Get her figure and her gowns from my own tailor. Well, there's truth in what you say. Men are drawn to the mysterious, as inevitably as a child's eyes are attracted by a farthing riddle."

Mrs. Vincent's worldly little laugh rang out.

"How the stories of your youth mislead us! The sex of the Bluebeards should have been reversed; it is he who would have gone picking the lock of his wife's incomprehensibility; having succeeded, of course, she would have ceased to interest him."

"Come, come, now, aunt; one, two, has handed down other traditions."

"Eve! Eve is out of date, hopelessly old-fashioned, like our grandmothers. Woman has progressed since Eve's time, handing her babies and weakness over to her husband to nurse. B-sides, you forget—a gleam of malicious humor sparkled in her eyes—'while you have been waiting for dead men's shoes and

Hester has been looking round for her vocation. Time has not been standing still with either."

"Good gracious, aunt!"—his tone expressed anxiety—"do I look deceiving? I have all my teeth left, I assure you."

"You are thirty-one," his aunt reminded him. "Hester's twenty-nine. Unlike you, she looks her age, an extremely silly thing for a woman of the world to do."

"If Hester looks her age," said Mr. Bavis presently, "it's certainly through no excess of sentiment or feeling. She's the embodiment of propriety, of cold, calm impressiveness. She reminds me," he added, with his eyes half closed, "of a frozen lake."

"After a twelve hours' frost—exactly. Don't trust to appearances; the ice is very thin."

Mrs. Vincent glanced about. Her nephew was growing interested.

"The 'Danger-board' attracts me." In quite another tone, "There's a delightful sort of enjoyment in skating over the risky places."

"You'll go through."

"A cold bath is always invigorating."

"Um!" She shot a shrewd glance at the obstinate face beside her. "Take care you don't find eddies and undercurrents you little dream of. 'Sh! they're playing Chopin. Hester's not in sight. Find me a chair; I want to rest and listen.'"

On the lower terrace Miss Wolstencroft was walking, her hand on the arm of the paralytic chair.

"I could do it in half the time," she was assuring him with insistence.

The answer came in a dry tone: "You measure with a woman's eye, Miss Wolstencroft, and they are all afflicted with a geometrical squint."

"Oh!"

"The thing's impossible, I tell you. The pier is twice the length you estimate. I couldn't run it myself in under—"

He stopped, looked blank, gnawed his moustache in a sort of helpless fury, then gave the order to "turn" in a peremptory tone.

The man obeyed. Miss Wolstencroft came round to the windward side of the chair. Finding a cushion displaced by the restless, impatient head, she patted and smoothed it, apparently oblivious to any awkwardness in the air arising from her slip.

"It's really marked, the way in which we thin women are slighted, Major Arnot," she went on brightly. "Just as if flesh meant strength—it doesn't, it buries it! Now, I am very strong. I have a pasty face, I know; but that arises from a nasty, carping disposition. I'm slight because I grizzle. There—excuse the slang—but I could run the length of that pier in thirty seconds, and, at my time of life, I consider that a very fair record."

She smiled down on him her "kind, cooling smile," as Bavis called it. Its effect on Arnot, looking up, was rather the reverse.

"Strength, speed! What's the use of 'em, pray?" he growled out savagely.

"Pride of strength is about as foolish as envying the flight of a butterfly. A rough hand makes a dab at it, and the airy flutterings are stopped, the pretty gay wings reduced to a pulpy film sticking to the hand of a schoolboy."

He laughed, then brought his fist down suddenly on the arm of his invalid chair.

"Look at me, Miss Wolstencroft. I was strong a year ago; I could run and leap and dance with the best. And now, what am I? I poor shell of a man, lying here like the hulk of a disheveled ship pulled high and dry upon the sands. No more work for me, no more ambition, no no-fun. Only a wreck for the rats to play in, for the birds to come and build among the rotten planks. God! when I think of it! I—who only a year ago was a man—to lie helpless for the rest of my days most likely, a useless lump, a hope less incubation, gibbering presently, perhaps, over past strength and bygone valors. I'm not a bad chap, Miss Wolstencroft. I've had my fling, it's true, taken my fun when it came along, bought my experience, like the rest, but I've never done a mean or dirty action in my life; yet here I am, in the prime of life and strength, cut off and disabled."

The sea was sparkling in the sunshine. Miss Wolstencroft blinked her eyes, as if the strong light hurt them, before turning them on him.

With an inarticulate murmur—poor man! it sounded like a curse—he turned his head aside.

"I am looking at you, Major Arnot," she said brightly.

"Then don't," he groaned, "for it can't be a pleasurable sight."

"I am looking," she went on, as if he had not spoken, and with her head a little on one side, "and trying to measure your shoulders with my incompetent woman's eye. They obscure the view," she said, plaintively; "I wish you'd turn them round."

The broad back was motionless, however. "I'll stake my purse to a penny postage stamp," she continued critically, "they're twenty-two across if they're an inch. Plenty of room for the birds to nest in, eh, Major Arnot?"

He turned; a deep sigh struggled in a laugh.

"Don't try to flatter into tranquillity and nice behavior, Miss Wolstencroft; I'm not to be coaxed."

Nevertheless, his humor palpable lightened.

"And so," he went on presently, "you are confident of your powers?"

He looked her over, a doubtful expression on the strong, attractive face. "That's like you! I shall lose my money, but I shall have bought you a lesson in humility. Now, when shall it be, eh?"

She accepted the challenge promptly.

"To-night, by moonlight, when the pier is deserted. As for your money, you shall see."

The smile of victory was on her lips. The words came trippingly. Major Arnot demurred in favor of the present.

"I feel 'fey,'" she told him; "but I'm not going to make an exhibition of myself in broad daylight, all the same. Frisking along the pier, kicking up my heels for the benefit of the multitude, would never do at my time of life. No, I must have a coming background for my middle-aged freaks; soft moonlight, rippling water, stars—if they are procurable—lights in the distance, and ships on the horizon. I'm rather like the elderly fairies in the back row of the ballet, Major Arnot—as nimble as the best of 'em, and 'look all right at night.'"

"You're the youngest woman of my acquaintance," he said, thoughtfully, regarding her with sober gravity from under penthouse brows.

"I'm fairly late and active," was the cheerful response.

"You're younger in thought and mind!"—continuing—"than many forward chits of seventeen. When one first meets you, your reserve chills—even while it interests. But day by day your shyness, indifference, pride (or what the device it may be!) melts, and one takes a pleasure in watching your nature unfolding leaf

by leaf, like a sunflower turning to and expanding in the sun." (She lowered her chin suddenly.) "The longer one knows you the younger you become. I could almost swear that I could count the days as you slipped them off—like a butterfly in the chrysalis stage shedding its skin. I am curiously watching each transit; by the end of our acquaintance, I expect—"

"I shall have returned to swaddling clothes, and wave you 'a, to' with my bib in one hand, and my gum-sucker in the other." Major Arnot looked amused as Hester's laugh rang out. "Butterflies and sunflowers, indeed! Donkeys and thistles! It's injudicious flattery that turns an old man's head."

She turned her head and looked at him—a look that ended in a laugh on both sides.

"You are the kind of old lady," he said, "subsiding into gravity, 'who is responsible for a deal of mischief in the world, I'm thinking.'"

"Yes, you," mimicking her tone. Then voice and face softening, "Your heart is so tender, so full of womanly sympathy; and when one tries to express a part of one's gratitude, you—you leap on the back of some wild, eldritch fancy, and go clattering and rearing round our heels till we take to them at last, dropping our gratitude in the road for you to ride over."

"Sometimes," he added, when she failed to answer him, "that it would be a pleasant and invigorating thing to mount a beast of the same genus, and go riding with you. Cloudland must be a pleasant place if you explore it in company. Oh, to mount one of the broomsticks of my youth, and go flying through the air again in search of Tomfoolery Land!"

"Is there room enough for me?" A quiet voice it was, but with a queer little thrill in it, that put the question. "Is so, take me up in front of you. My back is hard to hold in sometimes. Your least softness, I'd like to try your bosom."

"Would you come?" wistfully. "I haven't ridden it for years."

"I shouldn't be afraid of mounting it—with you."

"I might fly, higher than you bargained for—his sombre eyes were kindling—"and when you saw us rising higher and higher above the housetops, you might cry and beg to be put down."

"And then you'd drop me?"

"No!" The word shot out, once charged with stubbornness. "If you once mounted, I should hold on tight."

"I believe you would," laughing a trifle nervously. "You'd finish your race, though you might drop at the post."

"Will you enter one with me?" His eyes were on fire now. "A race with phantoms, and nothing at the end of it; a wooden broomstick to carry us, and a helpless cripple astride it to steer you to Tomfoolery Land?"

Hester, shaking with some strong emotion, tried to answer lightly:

"Your broomstick is almost as uncontrollable as my horse. We mustn't soar too high. Perhaps Earth's the safest place for us poor mortals, after all."

"The safest, yes; but the sweetest?"

Major Arnot's face was flushed. "Hester!"—in a whisper—"dear one, don't you see? I've mounted the broom, and am head and shoulders into Cloudland already. Don't turn away. Hester. Why?"

Midway up to her eyes, where they were creeping covertly, he caught her kerchief were arrested suddenly.

"You're crying! Crying! You! I shall forget this. I tell you, or I shall forget this—she glanced except down the nervous limbs outlined beneath the ring—"and remember only that I'm a man who loves you."

The aged man trundling the bath chair

ambled along with bent back and deaf ears apparently. It was half-past one. The "Front" was well-nigh deserted. Above them, on the upper terrace, a woman's high-pitched voice was heard distinctly.

"No, she's still murching that tiresome cripplie up and down. Call to her, Percy. The girl's good nature will induce her to forget her lunch."

A complacent voice replied, "What's the lunch to Hester when there's a new non-stop to add to the collection? Let's leave them, auntie. They're happier as they are. He's half-way through his symptoms, and Hester's morbid mind is reveling in the unhealthy."

They moved away. The sentences came disjointedly.

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8.00	10.00	12.30	2.30	3.80	5.50	7.30	CLAYTON	8.00	10.00	12.30	2.30	3.80	5.50	7.30	CLAYTON	8.00	10.00	12.30	2.30	3.80	5.50	7.30	CLAYTON	8.00	10.00	12.30	2.30	3.80	5.50	7.30
8.10	10.10	12.40	2.40	3.90	5.60	7.40	CLAYTON	8.10	10.10	12.40	2.40	3.90	5.60	7.40	CLAYTON	8.10	10.10	12.40	2.40	3.90	5.60	7.40	CLAYTON	8.10	10.10	12.40	2.40	3.90	5.60	7.40
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8.40	10.40	1.10	2.70	4.20	5.90	8.10	CLAYTON	8.40	10.40	1.10	2.70	4.20	5.90	8.10	CLAYTON	8.40	10.40	1.10	2.70	4.20	5.90	8.10	CLAYTON	8.40	10.40	1.10	2.70	4.20	5.90	8.10
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9.10	11.10	1.40	3.00	4.50	6.20	8.40	CLAYTON	9.10	11.10	1.40	3.00	4.50	6.20	8.40	CLAYTON	9.10	11.10	1.40	3.00	4.50	6.20	8.40	CLAYTON	9.10	11.10	1.40	3.00	4.50	6.20	8.40
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9.30	11.30	2.00	3.20	4.70	6.40	9.00	CLAYTON	9.30	11.30	2.00	3.20	4.70	6.40	9.00	CLAYTON	9.30	11.30	2.00	3.20	4.70	6.40	9.00	CLAYTON	9.30	11.30	2.00	3.20	4.70	6.40	9.00
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11.20	1.20	3.10	4.30	5.80	7.50	10.50	CLAYTON	11.20	1.20	3.10	4.30	5.80	7.50	10.50	CLAYTON	11.20	1.20	3.10	4.30	5.80	7.50	10.50	CLAYTON	11.20	1.20	3.10	4.30	5.80	7.50	10.50
11.30	1.30	3.20	4.40	5.90	7.60	11.00	CLAYTON	11.30	1.30	3.20	4.40	5.90	7.60	11.00	CLAYTON	11.30	1.30	3.20	4.40	5.90	7.60	11.00	CLAYTON	11.30	1.30	3.20	4.40	5.90	7.60	11.00
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